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Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.138, Applicant(s) hereby expressly abandons this application, but not the invention recited therein, without prejudice, and requests that application be withdrawn from publication.

This action is taken without prejudice to the right of the Applicant to seek patent protection for the same or similar claims in other co-pending applications.

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In this regard, it is respectfully submitted that the present application has not yet been assigned a projected publication date. Accordingly, it is believed that this request be accepted as timely filed.

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It is respectfully requested that confirmation that this application is abandoned and will not be published be forwarded to the undersigned.

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